

Indian Creek Segment (Atlas Map 5f)


SNAPSHOT

 **5.4 miles:** 50th St. (CTH-O) to 15th St. (CTH-E)



From the headwaters of Indian Creek and other small intermittent streams/creeks.



Primitive camping on county forest lands .



Portion of the segment crossing private land west of 30th St. is closed during gun deer season.



Dogs must be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times.



Portions overlap snowmobile trails and logging/forest roads.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

① 50th St. (CTH-O) Trail Access (45.67614, -92.25801): *From Cumberland* at the intersection of STH-48 and USH-63, take STH-48 west for 8.0 mi. At 10th St. (CTH-E) turn right and go north, west then north 4.7 mi. *Note: When CTH-E turns west then north, it becomes 15th St.* At 300th Ave. (CTH-W) turn left and go west 4.0 mi. At 50th St. (CTH-O) turn right and go north 2.5 mi. *From Frederic* at the intersection of STH-35 and 300th Ave. (CTH-W), take 300th Ave. (CTH-W) east 10.0 mi. At 50th St. (CTH-O) turn left and go north 2.5 mi. **Parking:** Adjacent to Trail Access.

② 15th St. (CTH-E) Trail Access (45.67297, -92.18594): *From Cumberland* at the intersection of STH-48 and USH-63, take STH-48 west for 8.0 mi. At 10th St. (CTH-E) turn right and go north, west then north 7.4 mi. *From Frederic* at the intersection of STH-35 and 300th Ave. (CTH-W), take 300th Ave. (CTH-W) east 14.0 mi. At 10th St. (CTH-E) turn left and go north, west, then north 2.7 mi. *Note: When CTH-E turns west then north, it becomes 15th St.* **Parking:** Adjacent to Trail Access.

Additional Parking: 30th St.

THE HIKE

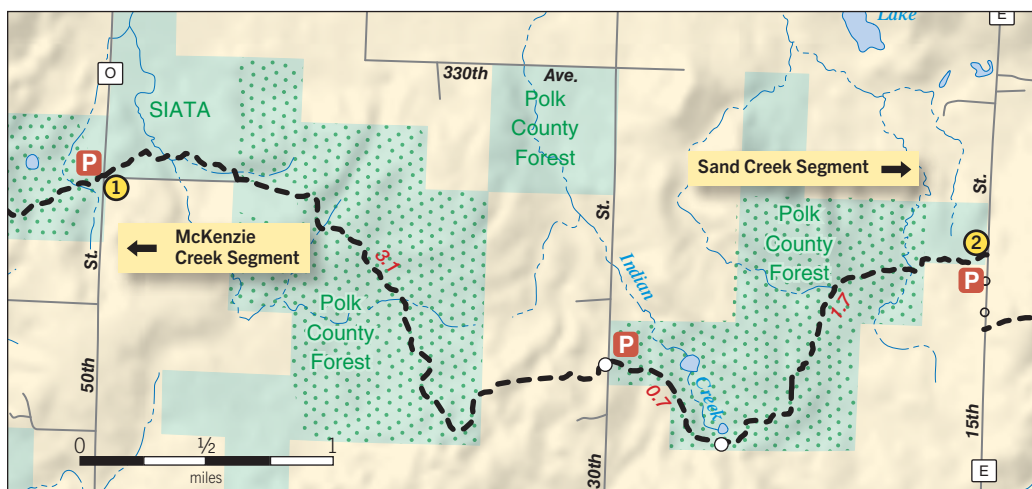
This remote segment passes through thickly forested and hummocky areas of a State Ice Age Trail Area (SIATA), Polk County Forest, and private land. However, most of the segment is on public land – its forest is managed through select cutting to maintain extensive stands of hardwoods.

From the Trail access on 50th Street (CTH-O), head east through mostly softwood lowlands, crossing numerous creek beds on generally level terrain. This Trail section can be wet in spring and during rainy weather. Thick berry bushes, many with edible berries, are common in late summer, as are a variety of mushrooms.

Then travel through a high-relief hummocky area created when sand and gravel, carried by under-the-ice rivers and streams, were left behind after the ice sheets melted. These hummocks will challenge you with steep climbs and descents and provide lovely views of the surrounding forest.

The 30th Street crossing is the segment's approximate midpoint and the start of a trek through more open woods and a few rocky creek beds. After a short climb, the Trail follows a forested ridge above a small, picturesque lily-filled lake, the headwaters of Indian Creek.

On the final mile of the segment, follow a narrow hand-carved trail and cross a short bridge and an open meadow dotted with young white pines to the eastern Trail access on 15th Street (CTH-E).



AREA SERVICES

Frederic: See Gandy Dancer Segment, p. 10. From 50th St. (CTH-O) Trail access go north and west 12.5 mi.

Cumberland: See Grassy Lake Segment, p. 36. From 15th St. (CTH-E) Trail access go south and east ~15.5 mi.

Clam Falls: See McKenzie Creek Segment, p. 20. From 50th St. (CTH-O) Trail access go north and west ~3 mi.



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Indian Creek Segment: Trillium, a spring ephemeral, blooms trailside.